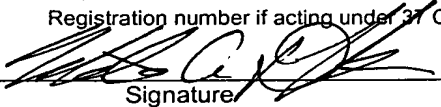




<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2008</b> (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		<b>Docket Number (Optional)</b> SPINE 3.0-437 CIP CIP CIP CIP CONT V	
Application Number 10/642,522-Conf. #3161		Filed August 15, 2003	
For <b>ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC HAVING A CIRCUMFERENTIALLY BURIED WIRE MESH ENDPLATE ATTACHMENT DEVICE</b>			
Art Unit 3738		Examiner B. E. Pellegrino	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
		<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$460	\$230
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1050	\$525
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1640	\$820
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2230	\$1115
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>12-1095</u> . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.			
<b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>			
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>58,653</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____			
 Signature		July 17, 2008 Date	
William A. Di Bianca Typed or printed name		(908) 654-5000 Telephone Number	
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.			

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